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The petitions for roads, at dates prior to the Revolution, give the location in which many persons lived, and also (as do various suits, orders, &c.), give hundreds of references to military service. Among the numerous topics treated, we can only refer to two: the constant watchfulness of the County Court for the welfare of children, and the boldness of the Tory element in the population.

The index contains 82 pages, and appears to be very complete and accurate. It will give some idea of the contents of the book when it is stated that there are 77 references to Alexander, 212 to Bell, 37 to Kennerly, 115 to Buchanan, 280 to Campbell, 97 to Trimble, and many others in like proportion.

It is hoped that Mrs. Lockwood will receive prompt and ample appreciation of the good work she has done in bringing out in such shape Judge Chalkley's most valuable collection.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY, VA., 1653-1912. Compiled by T. R. B. Wright. Parts I and II. Addresses delivered by Lawrence Washington, Esq.; Rev. Randolph McKim, D. D., LL. D., and Rev. George William Beale, D. D., at Montross, Va., May 3, 1910. Richmond, Va., Whit-tet & Shepperson, Printers, 1912; pp. 153, xi, with 19 illustrations.

Judge Wright has for years past been doing a most admirable work in inducing the people of the counties of his circuit to place portraits, tablets, and other memorials in their court-houses to the memory of their distinguished men. Now in the publication of several noteworthy historical addresses, of various documents relating to the history of Westmoreland and its noted sons, and other papers of historic interest, he has added to the debt Virginia owes him.

To state that Westmoreland was the birth-place of Washington, the Lees, Monroe, and others of eminence, is to repeat a well-known commonplace. There has been no history of the county, and this book helps to fill a real need.